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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/672,170	Applicant(s) LIN ET AL.	
	Examiner Andre' L. Jackson	Art Unit 3677	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Species I (claims 1-8) in the reply filed on June 9, 2006 is acknowledged.

Claim 9 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species II, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on June 9, 2006.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Taiwan on June 2, 2003. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Taiwanese application # 92210111 as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 6,211,788 to Lynn et al. Lynn et al discloses a hygiene apparatus comprising;

a door handle (18) rotatably mounted on a door; and a disinfection means (11) formed in the door handle and operatively delivering or spraying a disinfectant (13) from the disinfection means onto a surface portion of the door handle for disinfecting the door handle.

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As to claims 2, 3 and 5, the disinfectant means defines a container (14) mounted to the door for supplying the disinfectant through a nozzle end (near 17) interconnected to a conduit or hose back to the reservoir as seen in Fig. 2, a plurality of pores or holes formed in the disinfection pad to disperse the disinfectant from the nozzle. A valve (rectangular box encompassing a portion of the conduit) intermediate the shank of the door handle shown in Fig. 2 to control the release of the disinfectant. The valve controlled by a trigger mechanism similar to mechanism (15) of embodiment shown in Fig. 1. Lynn et al further states the disinfectant material dispensed from the disinfection pad may take other forms including a chalk or dye (powder) material (col. 5, lines 1-5).

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by FR 2824096

A1 to Schlee. Schlee discloses a disinfectant handle apparatus comprising;

a door handle (1) rotatably mounted on a door; and a disinfection means (7) formed in the door handle body (2) and operatively delivering or spraying a disinfectant from the disinfection means onto a surface portion of the door handle body for disinfecting the door handle.

As to claim 4, the main body of the door handle includes a plurality of grooves (9) longitudinally formed in the main body of the handle communicating with portions of the disinfection means compressed into the grooves (Figs. 3 and 4) for homogeneously distributing the disinfectant from the disinfection means onto the main body of the door handle.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In particular, Washington and Callueng disclose various disinfectant devices, which may be used singly or in combination to meet the limitations presented in applicant's base claim at the least.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre' L. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7067. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (10 am - 6:30 pm).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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